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FOR ASST SEC HOLBROOKE ONLY FROM AMBASSADOR ALSTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VISIT BY NYE AND NOSENZO

1. OVER THE PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY FOUR DIFFERENT AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS ABOUT PLANS FOR A VISIT BY NYE, NOSENZO, AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF OTHER WASHINGTON OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR MATTERS INCLUDING A BILATERAL US-AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. THERE HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN LENGTHY EXCHANGES IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS (I SURMISE IN T AND OES) AND THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, AND IT IS ONLY BECAUSE OF THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF CONTACTS WE HAVE HERE THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STAY IN TOUCH ON THIS MATTER WHILE WAITING FOR WORD FROM NYE ABOUT HIS PLANS. NONE HAS YET COME.

2. NYE, HOWEVER IS NOW APPARENTLY TALKING ABOUT MEETING WITH OPPOSITION LABOR PARTY OFFICIALS AND MEETING WITH TRADE UNION PEOPLE, AND I PROPOSE TO INSERT THE EMBASSY AT THIS POINT. WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU OR BOB OAKLEY OR EVELYN COLBERT WOULD CALL NYE AND TELL HIM IT'S TIME HE SENT US WORD, IN OUR OWN CHANNELS, RATHER THAN
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DEALING DIRECTLY WITH HIS CONTACTS IN THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. WE WELCOME HIS VISIT, BUT I AM NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE LACK OF INFORMATION FROM HIM ABOUT A TRIP WHICH IS NOW WELL INTO WHAT SHOULD BE THE FINAL PLANNING STAGES. THANKS AND WARM WISHES; I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT WEEK.
ALSTON

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